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*Winter '99-'00:*

## What the New Season Holds

The nation's top climate and weather experts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration unveiled the winter weather forecast for the United States, saying that a lingering La Niña climate cycle of cold tropical Pacific waters will influence wintertime weather patterns through March.

"Once again, La Niña will have a pronounced effect on winter weather in the United States," said D. James Baker, NOAA Administrator.

"La Niña will alter the strength and pattern of the Pacific jet stream over North America to give us a warm and dry winter in the southern half of the nation, but more snow and rain to the Pacific Northwest and the Great Lakes. We expect considerable month-to-month variation in temperature, rainfall and storminess in the central, northern and eastern states, which means days of warmer than normal temperatures followed by bouts of bitter cold. As with every winter, it's too early to predict just how the jet stream will affect the weather in many north central states and for northern New England," said Baker.

The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center has maps and detailed information at: <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

## Packerland Chapter of the AMS

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## Spotter Reports During the Winter

Severe weather spotting doesn't stop when the snow starts flying. We appreciate your phone calls during snowstorms and freezing rain events. Please report snowfall during and after an event, as well as severe blowing and drifting, and freezing rain conditions. You can also e-mail your snowfall totals after a storm ends to our office online at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grb>

## Few Tornadoes in 1999

The severe weather season in northeast and central Wisconsin was relatively quiet once again. Only 10 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin, which has a 30-year average of 22. Only 2 tornadoes were reported in the NWS Green Bay forecast area (which covers 22 counties in northeast, central and north-central Wisconsin).

The big event in the area occurred on July 30, when microbursts caused considerable damage in Vilas and Oneida counties. A detailed report on the event can be found online at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grb/jul3099svr.html>

The entire staff at the NWS Green Bay office thanks our weather spotters. Your reports make the difference during severe weather.

The *N.E.W. Spotter News* is a bimonthly report for severe weather spotters and the Emergency Management community in the NWS Green Bay forecast area.

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